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Horrid smells from Bridgeton landfill are strong today, state reports

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The stench from the Bridgeton Landfill is especially strong today because of low winds and high barometric pressure, the state department of natural resources [reports](#). Republic Services of Phoenix, which owns the landfill, is working on a collection well today that could also affect the smell, according to the agency.

The intense burning garbage smell has reached inside the operating room and doctors' offices at DePaul Health Center in Bridgeton, staff members said on a Facebook [group](#) dedicated to two landfills in the area.

The smell is the result of ongoing underground fires at the Bridgeton landfill. Residents and environmental groups have raised concerns about the proximity to West Lake Landfill, which sits 1,200 feet away and contains nuclear waste. State officials have said the possibility of fires reaching the radioactive materials is remote.

State health officials have said the odors circulating in Bridgeton, Maryland Heights and Earth City can cause headaches, irritation to the eyes, nose and throat and difficulty breathing especially in residents with asthma and other respiratory issues.

Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster has sued Republic Services on eight charges of violating state environmental laws.

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